

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING PROJECT TASK FORCE (ESPTF)  
Meeting Summary  
Meeting # 5  
Thursday, August 10, 2000  
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Following is a brief summary of main points covered at the fifth meeting of the Environmental Sampling Project Task Force (ESPTF). This summary is to be used only as an outline for topics covered. It is not to be considered a comprehensive or editorial review of the meetings. For comprehensive meeting records please refer to the Task Force transcripts, prepared by a court reporter and posted on this web site.

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order. Pamela Sihvola continued to substitute for member Gene Bernardi on behalf of the Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste.

II. Public Comment Period

Members of the public spoke for approximately three (3) minutes each. Please see the full meeting transcript for a record of these comments and all other dialogue in the meeting.

III. Sampling Plan-Consultant Draft Comments

The August meeting focused on presentations by Mr. Bernd Franke and Dr. Owen Hoffman. Franke, technical consultant to the City of Berkeley, presented his report entitled "Review of Radiological monitoring at LBNL: Preliminary Technical Report." Hoffman presented a response to the IFEU report, and also responded to earlier inquiries regarding the exposure to short-term tritium emissions from the NTLF. He presented an analysis of the magnitude, air concentrations, and estimated exposures & potential health risks from short-term tritiated water vapor. Hoffman was present in the meeting, Franke joined the meeting via conference call from his home in Germany. Franke was assisted in his presentation by Nabil Al-Hadithy, Member for the City of Berkeley.

Each presentation took about 35 minutes. Task Force Members were asked to note their questions and hold them until both consultants finished their presentations. Please see the meeting transcript for the full text of Franke's report and Hoffman's response.

After the consultant presentations, each Member was given the opportunity to direct a question to Franke and Hoffman. Questions were asked and answered by Members in an orderly manner, proceeding around the room from right to left. Please see the meeting transcript for details of the questions and consultant responses.

IV. Normal Levels of Research Activity

A presentation by Dr. Phil Williams entitled "Normal Levels of Research Activity at the NTLF" was eliminated due to time constraints. Members asked Dr. Williams to make his presentation at the next meeting.

V. Next meetings

The next ESPTF meeting date was set for 14 September 2000 at 6: 30 PM, location TBD.

VI. Public Comment

A full text of comments made by members of the public is available in the meeting transcript.